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ABSTRACT

A guide is presented on the Higher Education Opportunity Program, which provides supportive services and financial aid to New York State residents attending independent colleges and universities in New York State. Eligibility requirements and specific economic eligibility guidelines are presented. A brief description is provided of the following supportive services: remedial and developmental courses, tutorial services, and counseling. An institutional roster of participating institutions in New York State is included. Eligibility in the program is dependent on the applicant being educationally and economically disadvantaged. (SW)

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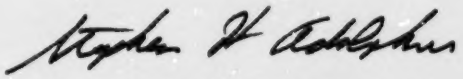
FOREWORD

We have developed this guide to inform you of the numerous opportunities at independent colleges and universities in New York State through the Higher Education Opportunity Program.

I urge you to take advantage of one of the many programs available. If you are not eligible for HEOP, there are many other federal, state and institutional programs of financial aid, and some campus programs of academic support, for which you might well qualify. The local campus is your best source of information about these possibilities.

I appreciate your interest in furthering your education. I hope this guide and the programs it describes can help you achieve your goals.



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I

INTRODUCTION

In 1966, the Governor and the Legislature approved a bill to provide equal access to higher education for the "educationally and economically disadvantaged" students in New York State. The program known as Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK) was begun at The City University of New York (CUNY). The College Discovery Program which was already in existence at community colleges in New York City was continued, and the State University of New York (SUNY) started the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). In 1970, legislation established the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) at independent colleges and universities in New York State.

These programs are designed to meet the special needs of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Among the strategies available to meet these needs are screening, testing, counseling, tutoring, teaching and financial assistance.

In general, students in opportunity programs are individuals from a low income family with high potential for successful collegiate experience but who have not acquired the verbal, mathematical, and other cognitive skills required for collegiate level work. Generally their grades fall in the bottom half of their high school graduating class. They are students who have not earned a Regents diploma, are assigned to a high school which has a poor record for developing students, or have been tracked or scheduled into a general, commercial or vocational high school program.

Students eligible for HEOP will generally rank low on such traditional measures of collegiate admissions as the SAT board scores, high school average, class standing or Regents Scholarship examinations.

Opportunity programs are available for students living in urban and rural areas. They are available at the two- and four-year level, at public and independent colleges, and in every academic discipline and career field. Students are selected without regard to sex, ethnicity, race or religious background.

II

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

What Is HEOP?

The Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) provides supportive services and financial aid to New York State residents attending independent colleges and universities in New York State.

Who Is Eligible?

To be eligible for HEOP you must meet all of the following conditions. You must:

1. Have been a resident of New York State for one year preceding your term of entry into HEOP.

2. Be educationally disadvantaged. An educationally disadvantaged student is a student who otherwise would not be accepted under the institution's normal admissions standards at a matriculated status in a degree program for which application is made. At open admissions institutions, an educationallly disadvantaged student must meet one of the following criteria:

   a. Possess a non-academic high school diploma; (although requirements for an academic diploma may vary somewhat, the following high school unit accumulations are suggested as a guide: 4 years of English; 3 years of history; 2 years of math, 2 years of science, and 2 of of a foreign language;) or

   b. Possess a high school equivalency diploma; or

   c. Possess the equivalent of a GED; or

   d. Have no high school diploma.

3. Be economically disadvantaged. Guidelines for determining economic eligibility are on page 5.

4. Possess a high school diploma or a State approved equivalency diploma or its equivalent.

   The equivalent of a general equivalency diploma is defined as being one of the following: (A) An Armed Foreces Equivalency Diploma, with a minimum score of 35 on each test section and a minimum composite score of 225; (B) A level of knowledge and academic ability, equal to the level required for entrance to the educational opportunity program at the institution to which the individual seeks admission.

5. Have the potential and motivation for the successful completion of college.

6. Not be the recipient of a Regents Scholarship won in county-wide competition or of a Regents Nursing Scholarship. However, Honor recipients of Regents Scholarships won in local school competition are eligible for consideration.

7. Be a United States citizen or have filed a Declaration of Intent for citizenship.

8. (If a transfer) Have been in an approved opportunity program.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for admission to a Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), request an application from the institution that you are interested in attending. There are 74 HEOP programs throughout New York State, offering a wide variety of academic courses in major fields of study. Specific information can be obtained by writing to the HEOP program on that campus. A roster of HEOP programs is listed at the end of this section.

Please note: Many independent colleges require you to apply by April 1 of the year before you intend to begin. These dates vary at each campus. Please plan to apply as early as possible.

If I Am Accepted -- What Next?

Summer Program. Entering students usually are required to take part in a pre-freshman summer program. The summer program is designed to orient the student to college life, initiate a program of academic skills-building and acquaint the student with the services available through HEOP.

Supportive Services. During the academic year, supportive services take many forms:

Remedial and Developmental Courses

If you need additional academic preparation to prepare you for college-level work, HEOP can meet your academic needs. Before you begin your classes, the HEOP professional staff will evaluate your academic strengths and weaknesses, and design a specific academic program to help eliminate your academic deficiencies. You will have the opportunity to take credit and non-credit remedial/developmental courses. These courses provide instruction in basic study skills, reading, writing, vocabulary, mathematics and other areas of study.

Tutorial Services

HEOP provides students with tutorial services to assist students with their academic courses. Tutorial services are conducted on a one to one basis or in groups depending on the needs of the individual students. Some tutors are competent upper-class HEOP students and some are professional tutors.

Counseling

Counseling services are provided by the HEOP staff on an individual or group basis to assist you with any problems which may interfere with your academic work. You will receive the following types of counseling:

Academic - The HEOP counselor will assist you in selecting your academic major and courses. You can take a reduced course load during your first semester. You are also given an extra year of eligibility, if needed, to graduate.

Personal - Adjustment to college life often presents many new problems for HEOP students. Counseling helps you develop your self-confidence, identity, and a positive attitude about learning.

Career - Students are often undecided about what to do after graduation. The HEOP staff will assist you in making career choices. Career counseling will help you in selecting the necessary courses to prepare you for employment or post-graduate study.

Financial - The HEOP staff also provides financial aid advice on a continuing basis.

Can I Afford To Attend College?

HEOP provides colleges with funds to help meet the cost of your education. You will also be eligible for other State, Federal and institutional financial aid awards. Students are required to apply for the State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG).

The amount of financial aid and the application procedures vary from campus to campus. HEOP students are expected to contribute to the cost of their education from family savings or summer earnings. Specific information can be obtained by contacting the HEOP office or financial aid office at the college you are interested in attending.

For general questions about HEOP, please feel free to call or write to:

The Bureau of Higher Education Opportunity Programs
Cultural Education Center (Fifth Floor)
Room 5A55
Albany, New York 12230

(518) 474-5313

Economic Eligibility Guidelines

Financial Assistance Criteria for Opportunity Programs

Family Income Scale for Purposes of Determining Eligibility for Supplemental Financial Assistance for First-time Students Enrolled in Opportunity Programs Beginning July 1, 1979.

(1) A student is eligible to receive supplemental financial assistance if she/he is a member of a household supported by one member thereof with a gross annual income which does not exceed the applicable amount set forth in the following table; or of a household supported by more than one worker thereof, or a household in which one worker is the sole support of a one parent family, if the gross annual income of such household does not exceed the applicable amount set forth in the following table by more than $1,000. The gross annual family income may be raised by $1,000 for each additional member of the household who is attending a postsecondary institution of higher learning on at least a part-time basis, as defined in Section 145-2.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, provided that such students attend institutions which meet the criteria for institutions of higher education set forth in Title IV, Part D, Section 461 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Public Law 89-329.

Number of Members in Household (Including Head of Household)	Gross Annual Family Income[1]
1	$ 4,780
2	5,920
3	7,540
4	9,050
5	10,440
6	11,710
7	12,870
8	13,920
9	14,850
10	15,660

For additional members check with HEOP program.

[1]The above income figures do not include the student's income unless he/she is the head of the household or the second worker supporting the household.

(2) A maximum of 15 percent of the students admitted to an HEOP program may come from families whose income exceeds the family scale when unusual and extenuating circumstances warrant. Documentation of these circumstances shall be kept on file by the institutions at which such students are enrolled, and shall be corroborated by a disinterested, reliable party.

Categories into which these exceptions may fall are limited to the following:

a) Serious mismanagement of the family income, with little accruing to the interest of the student.

b) A one-time fluctuation in family income in a family with a history of low income, due to such causes as insurance settlements and severance pay.

c) A household which includes relatives and others not claimed as tax deductions, such as grandparents, other relatives, dependents of children, and godchildren, where such persons clearly depend on the income of the head(s) of the household for support. Income of such persons must be included in determining economic eligibility.

d) Families with long-term medical obligations such as maintenance of crippled or mentally retarded children.

e) Families which must maintain two households, one for the wage earner and one for dependents.

(3) Reference to the family income scale need not be made if the student falls into one of the following categories and documentation is present:

a) The student's family is the recipient of payments through a New York State or county Department of Social Services;

b) The student is living with foster parents who do not provide support for college, and no monies are provided from the natural parents;

c) The student is a ward of the State or a county.

INSTITUTIONAL ROSTER OF HEOP PROGRAMS IN NEW YORK STATE

Adelphi University
120 Levermore Hall
Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 294-8700

Albany Business College
130 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12203
(518) 449-7163

Bard College
Annandale-on-Hudson,
NY 12504
(914) 758-6822

Barnard College of Columbia University
104 Millbank
606 West 120th Street
New York, NY 10027
(212) 280-3583

Boricua College
Manhattan Center
2875 Broadway
New York, NY 10025
(212) 865-9000

Canisius College
2001 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14208
(716) 883-7000

Colgate University
University Scholars Program
Hamilton, NY 13346
(315) 824-1000

College of Mount Saint Vincent
Bronx, NY 10471
(212) 549-8000

College of New Rochelle
Community Leadership Program
New Rochelle, NY 10801
(914) 632-5300

College of St. Rose
432 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203
(518) 471-5280

Columbia University
School of Engineering &
Applied Science
Seeley W. Mudd Building
New York, NY 10027
(212) 280-2981

Columbia University
School of General Studies
New York, NY 10027
(212) 280-2766

Columbia College: Columbia University
202 Hamilton Hall
New York, NY 10027
(212) 280-3514

Cornell University
227 Day Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 256-6384

Culinary Institute of America
Hyde Park, NY 12538
(914) 452-9600

C. W. Post
Long Island University
Greenvale, NY 11548
(516) 299-2593

Daemen College
4380 Main Street
Amherst, NY 14226
(716) 839-3600

Dowling College
Oakdale, NY 11769
(516) 589-6100

Eisenhower College
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-7111

Elizabeth Seton College
1061 North Broadway
Yonkers, NY 10701
(914) 969-4000

Elmira College
Elmira, NY 14901
(607) 734-3911

Fordham University
Rose Hill Box 710
Bronx, NY 10458
(212) 933-2233

Fordham University College
at Lincoln Center
New York, NY 10023
(212) 956-2784

Hamilton College
Clinton, NY 13323
(315) 859-7598

Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-5500

Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY 11550
(516) 560-3647

Iona College
New Rochelle, NY 10801
(914) 636-2100

Ithaca College
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 274-3381

Junior College of Albany
140 New Scotland Avenue
Albany, NY 12208
(518) 445-1764

Keuka College
Keuka Park, NY 14478
(315) 536-4411

Long Island University
Brooklyn Center
One University Plaza
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(212) 834-6016

LeMoyne College
Syracuse, NY 13214
(315) 446-2882

Malcolm-King: Harlem Extension
22E 128 Street
New York, NY 10035
(212) 860-9722 or 9700

Manhattan College
Riverdale, NY 10471
(212) 548-1400

Manhattanville College
Purchase, NY 10577
(914) 946-9600

Marist College
North Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(914) 471-3240

Marymount College
Tarrytown, NY 10492
(914) 631-3200

Marymount Manhattan College
221 East 71st Street
New York, NY 10021
(212) 472-3800

Mater Dei College
Ogdensburg, NY 13669
(315) 393-5930

Medaille College
18 Agassiz Circle
Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 884-3281

Mercy College
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
(914) 693-4500

Molloy College
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
(516) 678-5000

Mount Saint Mary College
Powell Avenue
Newburgh, NY 12550
(914) 561-0800

Nazareth College
4245 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14610
(716) 586-2525

New York Institute of Technology
Wheatley Road
Old Westbury, L.I., NY 11568
(516) 686-7574

New York Institute of Technology
Manhattan Center
888 7th Avenue
New York, NY 10019
(212) 399-8378

New York University
Opportunities Program
547 LaGuardia Place
New York, NY 10012
(212) 598-3912

Niagara University
Niagara, NY 14109
(716) 285-1212

Nyack College
Nyack, NY 10960
(914) 358-1710

Parsons School of Design
66 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10011
(212) 741-5940

Polytechnic Institute of New York
333 Jay Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(212) 643-3331

Pratt Institute
215 Ryerson Street
Brooklyn, NY 11205
(212) 636-3472

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
110 8th Street
Troy, NY 12181
(518) 270-6273

Rochester Institute of Technology
One Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623
(716) 464-2221

Russell Sage College
45 Ferry Street
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 270-2209

Saint John's University
Grand Central & Utopia Parkways
Jamaica, NY 11432
(212) 969-8000

St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618
(716) 586-4140

St. Lawrence University
Canton, NY 13617
(315) 379-5580

Siena College
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 783-2484

Skidmore College
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
(518) 584-5000

Southampton Center, Long Island University
Southampton, NY 11968
(516) 283-4000

Syracuse University
781 Ostrum Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 423-3867 or 4260

University College of
Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 423-4563

University of Rochester
River Campus Station
Rochester, NY 14623
(716) 275-2864

Union College
Schenectady, NY 12308
(518) 370-6115

Utica College
Burrstone Road
Utica, NY 13502
(315) 792-3209

Vassar College
Educational Services
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(914) 452-7000

Wagner College
Grymes Hill
Staten Island, NY 10301
(212) 390-3016

For information about similar programs at public universities, write to:

SEEK Program
The City University of New York
535 East 80 Street
New York, NY 10021

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Educational Opportunity Program
State University Plaza
Room N108
Albany, NY 12246